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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the

- ☒ patent application of
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☐ divisional patent application of
☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD SEQUENCE ESTIMATOR WHICH COMPUTES BRANCH METRICS IN REAL TIME

[X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:

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the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

[] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a [] continuation [] continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/_____, filed _____, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- [X] 33 page(s) of specification
[X] 3 page(s) of claims
[X] 1 page of Abstract
[X] 20 sheet(s) of [] formal [X] informal drawing(s).
[] An assignment of the invention to _____
[X] A [] signed [X] unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney
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